

Art Around the World

Description:

You and your child will discover the art of different countries as you take an imaginary trip around the world.

Materials:

travel brochures, museum cards and brochures, world map, pencils, paper

Optional: set of art prints

Standards: 4 and 5

Concepts: Color, medium, value, contrast, line, movement, balance, form, shape, texture, and pattern

Level: Pre K-3



Preparation:

Visit a travel agency and collect brochures featuring countries around the world. Write to various museums and ask for information about their permanent collection. You can also find this information on the Internet.

Procedure:

Gather a number of travel brochures, museum information packages, a map of the world, and some paper and pencils. Then sit down with your child, pick a country, and find it on the map. Next, find a museum that displays the work of an artist from the chosen country. Ask your child to think about the differences between one country and another, and the similarities. Look at the art of several countries, and point out that artists from different parts of the world sometimes see and depict things differently. Make a note of the art styles that your child is particularly drawn to and focus on them. Find out more about the artists, their artwork, and the countries they come from.

Just for Kids:

Today you are going to discover that there are many different art styles and techniques. You will also see that an artist's work is often influenced by the country in which he or she lives. Find artworks that you like, and locate the countries where the artists live on a map. Where would you like to travel if you had the chance? What would you like to see? Why? Would you paint what you saw? How would you paint it?

Resources:

<http://home.about.com/travel/index.htm>

<http://www.artswire.org/kenroar/links/museums.html>

<http://www.firstworldwide.com/agm/>

<http://www.or.com/categories/Museums/>

<http://arthistory.about.com>